

Sermon Guide – Feb. 7, 2021

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹⁻³¹ Directly on leaving the meeting place, they came to Simon and Andrew's house, accompanied by James and John. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed, burning up with fever. They told Jesus. 31: He went to her, took her hand, and raised her up. No sooner had the fever left than she was up fixing dinner for them.

³²⁻³⁴ That evening, after the sun was down, they brought sick and evil-afflicted people to him, the whole city lined up at his door! He cured their sick bodies and tormented spirits. Because the demons knew his true identity, he didn't let them say a word.

³⁵⁻³⁷ While it was still night, way before dawn, he got up and went out to a secluded spot and prayed. Simon and those with him went looking for him. They found him and said, "Everybody's looking for you."

³⁸⁻³⁹ Jesus said, "Let's go to the rest of the villages so I can preach there also. This is why I've come." He went to their meeting places all through Galilee, preaching and throwing out the demons.

Pastor Cindy lifted up three points of verse 31. Jesus TOUCHED Simon's mother-in-law. He RAISED HER UP. After she was healed, she began TO SERVE Jesus and the others.

What is the importance of TOUCH to you? During the pandemic, our interaction with others has been limited. What do you miss the most?

The phrase "raised up" or "rise up" shows up many times during the gospel of Mark. Take time this week to look through the gospel to see how many times you can find a phrase having to do with being raised.

Service is key to this woman's identity. Reflect upon how Jesus frees her to return to her calling, to serve rather than to be served.